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AVERAGE AND PROBABILITY.

79. Proposed by the late ENOCH BEERY SEITZ.

Two equal spheres touch each other externally. If a point be taken at random within each sphere, show that (1) the chance that the distance between the points is less than the diameter of either sphere is 13/35, and (2) the average distance between them is 11/5r. [This is problem 5835, Educational Times, of London.]

Solution by G. B. M. ZERR, A. M.. Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics and Science, Chester High School, Chester, Pa.

(1) Let A, B be the centers and C the point of contact of the two spheres, each radius r.

From any point P in DC with a radius =2r describe a sphere cutting B in Q, R. From B as a center with a radius BP describe a sphere cutting A in K, M. If P is the first point, the second point must fall within the double-convex lens CQRC. P may fall anywhere on the zone KPM and the second point must fall in a section of B equal to the double-convex lens CQRC.

From P as center with a radius PS < 2r but > PC, draw the zone SLT. Let DP = x, PS = y, area of zone $KPM = 2\pi . BP . PG$, area of zone $SLT = 2\pi . PS . HL$.

BP = 3r - x, AG = r - x - PG, BG = 3r - x - PG, PS = y, BH = 3r - x - y + HL, PH = y - HL.

$$KG^2 = r^2 - (r - x - PG)^2 = (3r - x)^2 - (3r - x - PG)^2$$
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PG = x(2r-x)/4r.

$$SH^2 = r^2 - (3r - x - y + HL)^2 = y^2 - (y - HL)^2$$
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$$HL = [r^2 - (3r - x - y)^2]/2(3r - x)$$
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 \therefore Area of zone $KPM = (\pi x/2r)(3r-x)(2r-x)$.

Area of zone $SLT = [\pi y/(3r-x)][r^2-(3r-x-y)^2].$

Let p=chance, \triangle =average distance.

$$\therefore p = \left\{ \frac{\pi^2}{[2r(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3)^2]} \right\} \int_0^{2r} x(3r-x)(2r-x)dx \int_{2r-x}^{2r} \left[\frac{y}{(3r-x)} \right] \left[r^2 - (3r-x-y)^2 \right] dy$$

$$= (3/128r^7) \int_{0}^{2r} (14rx^5 - x^6 - 48r^2x^4 + 48r^3x^3) dx = (3/128r^7)(1664r^7/105) = \frac{13}{35}.$$

$$2. \triangle = \left\{ \pi^2 / \left[2r (\tfrac{4}{3}\pi r^3)^2 \right] \right\} \int_0^{2r} x (3r-x) (2r-x) dx \int_{-2r-x}^{4r-x} [y^2 / (3r-x)] \left[r^2 - (3r-x-y)^2 \right] dy$$

=
$$(3/40r^4)$$
 $\int_{0}^{2r} (92r^3x - 106r^2x^2 + 40rx^3 - 5x^4)dx = (3/40r^4)(88r^5/3) = 11r/5$.

80. Proposed by G. B. M. ZERR, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics and Science, Chester High School, Chester. Pa.

A box contains 100 balls marked from 1 to 100. 13 balls are drawn at random. What is the chance that the balls marked from 1 to 10 are included in the 13 drawn?

Solution by J. W. YOUNG, Columbus, Ohio.

Since in all the favorable chances only three balls may vary, the total number of favorable chances is ${}^{90}C_{3}$, *i. e.*, the number of combinations of 90 things taken 3 at a time.

The total number of ways in which the balls may be drawn is, of course, $^{1\,0\,0}\,C_{1\,3}.$

Hence the desired probability is equal to

$$\frac{{}^{90}C_3}{{}^{100}C_{13}} = \frac{\frac{90.89.88}{1.2.3}}{\frac{100.99.98.97.96.....89.88}{1.2.3.5....13}} = \frac{1}{67515927540}.$$

PROBLEMS FOR SOLUTION.

ARITHMETIC.

124. Proposed by ALOIS F. KOVARIK, Instructor in Mathematics and Science, Decorah Institute, Decorah, Iowa.

At what time between 5 and 6 o'clock is the minute hand midway between 12 and the hour hand? When is the hour hand midway between 4 and the minute hand?